



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado experienced precipitation below average for this time of year. Temperatures across the state were higher than normal. Isolated thunderstorms along the Front Range and Eastern Plains produced hail and wind damage to crops last week. Farmers had 6.6 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	0	14	85	1
Last Week	0	9	86	5
Last Year	1	22	70	7

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	1	13	84	2
Last Week	0	7	89	4
Last Year	11	29	54	6

Small Grains: Winter wheat was 98 percent jointed, and was rated in mostly good condition. The crop was 52 percent headed which is behind the 5-year average of 72 percent. Spring barley was 98 percent emerged by the end of the week and was rated in mostly fair to good condition. Spring wheat was 94 percent emerged and also rated in mostly fair to good condition.

Row Crops: Farmers had 96 percent of the corn crop planted by week's end. This is ahead of last year's 88 percent complete and 95 percent for the 5-year average. Emergence was 64 percent complete and equal to the 5-year average. Dry onions' condition rating dropped to mostly good to fair as a result of hail damage along the Front Range. Sorghum planting progressed to 40 percent complete compared with 32 percent for the 5-year average. Sugarbeets were 68 percent up to stand by the end of the week and rated in mostly good condition. Producers continued planting sunflowers and ended the week with 30 percent complete.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT 1/

Week ending May 30, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	1	2	20	66	11
Last Year	1	6	19	50	24
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	7	43	43	7
Last Year	0	0	15	43	42
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	7	47	41	5
Last Year	0	0	18	37	45

Summer potatoes are 90 percent planted compared with a 5-year average of 78 percent and 50 percent of the crop was emerged. Fall potato planting in the San Luis Valley continued as 93 percent of the acreage was planted by week's end, ahead of the 5-year average of 91 percent.

Pasture, Range and Hay: Pasture and range feed conditions remain in mostly good condition. Last year at this time they were rated mostly fair to good. Farmers continued cutting alfalfa hay last week with 22 percent of the 1st cutting now complete.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies were also rated average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 30, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2010	0	5	26	63	6
Prev. Year - 2009	2	10	39	41	8
5-Year Avg.	11	18	32	33	6

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending May 30, 2010

<u>Item</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>5-Yr Avg.</u>
Winter Wheat				
Jointed	98	88	98	98
Headed	52	21	71	72
Spring Barley				
Emerged	98	89	97	93
Spring Wheat				
Emerged	94	82	95	81
Corn				
Planted	96	91	88	95
Emerged	64	36	56	64
Sorghum				
Planted	40	28	25	32
Sunflowers				
Planted	30	14	39	33
Dry Beans				
Planted	27	8	18	25
Sugarbeets				
Up to Stand	68	45	72	71
Summer Potatoes				
Planted	90	73	64	78
Emerged	50	17	32	45
Fall Potatoes				
Planted	93	87	98	91
Emerged	10	7	2	7
Alfalfa				
1 st Cutting	22	11	13	24

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

<u>Item</u>	<u>Very Poor</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Excellent</u>
Livestock	0	2	23	68	7
Corn	1	6	23	68	2
Dry Onions	0	0	43	47	10
Alfalfa	0	4	32	54	10
Sugarbeets	1	8	24	67	0

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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